

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A television messaging system comprising
a television having a display device screen, having control system and an input
signal sensor, and a control system coupled to the display device and the input signal
sensor, and
a remote control device operably coupled ~~able~~ to the input signal sensor, the
remote control device including a touch sensitive pad area and a signal transmitter,
wherein the remote control device is configured to generate alpha/numeric characters
through keyed entry on a keypad or stroke entry on the touch sensitive pad and
generate sketch images through stroke entry on the touch sensitive pad and configured
to transmit each character and image as generated in an input signal directed to the
television, and
wherein the control system is configured to causes messages each character
and image contained in input signals received from the remote control device to be
displayed on an display screen in the form of a message and/or sketch image.
2. (Original) The message system of claim 1 wherein the control system
is manipulatable to cause the messages to be sent to a system mailbox.
3. (Original) The message system of claim 1 wherein the control system
is manipulatable to cause the messages to be erased.
4. (Currently Amended) The message system of claim 1 wherein the
control system is manipulatable to cause the messages to be replied to.
5. (Cancelled).

6. (Original) The message system of claim 1 wherein the control system includes a central processing unit (CPU) and an on screen display control coupled to the CPU and the display screen.

7. (Original) The message system of claim 6 wherein the CPU includes nonvolatile memory.

8. (Original) The message system of claim 7 further comprising messaging software stored in the nonvolatile memory and running on the CPU.

9. (Original) The message system of claim 1 wherein the remote control includes a message button to activate the message system.

10. (Original) The message system of claim 1 wherein the remote control includes a plurality of input mode keys.

11. (Currently Amended) The message system of claim 1 wherein the remote control includes an input mode key to toggleable between a plurality of input modes.

12. (Original) The message system of claim 1 wherein the remote control includes a stylus.

13. (Original) The message system of claim 1 wherein the remote control includes a microprocessor.

14. (Original) The message system of claim 13 wherein the remote control includes nonvolatile memory.

15. (Original) The message system of claim 14 wherein the remote control includes character recognition software stored in the nonvolatile memory and running on the microprocessor.

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